

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 297
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Susan Gendrich-Cameron upon being selected to the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan Gendrich-Cameron is one such estimable educator, who distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gendrich-Cameron was recently inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive and enriching influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gendrich-Cameron joined the ranks of numerous educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor of the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Dr. Gendrich-Cameron has served with acumen and alacrity as a kindergarten teacher, English as a Second Language teacher, Principal of Cason Lane Academy, and mentor during her three decades in education; and

WHEREAS, a warm and gentle teacher and administrator, she has earned the admiration and respect of her students and taught them how to respect each other and themselves; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gendrich-Cameron maintains high standards of classroom conduct, educational achievements, and leadership, and her expertise will be truly missed when she retires at the end of the 2004-2005 school year; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a highly responsive teacher with an acute awareness of each individual student's needs, she always encourages students to believe in themselves and their individual talents; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gendrich-Cameron has truly served as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Elementary Board Member, she has served as either Assistant Principal or Principal for Murfreesboro's Cason Lane Academy since the school's inception, effectively designing and implementing Paideia-based programs; and

WHEREAS, she was named Tennessee State Teacher of the Year and a National Teacher of the Year Finalist in 1995, in addition to receiving the Carrol College Distinguished Alumnus Award (1997) and the Middle Tennessee State University Alumnus Award (1988); and

WHEREAS, reflecting her staunch commitment to serving others, she has volunteered her time and talents to such worthy civic activities as Meals on Wheels, Christian Towers, Rose Mont, and multiple community and college libraries; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Susan Gendrich-Cameron epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Susan Gendrich-Cameron truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher and administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and her life of service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Dr. Susan Gendrich-Cameron, a woman of great inspiration, integrity, leadership, and compassion, upon being selected to the Tennessee

Teachers Hall of Fame, reflecting fondly upon her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.